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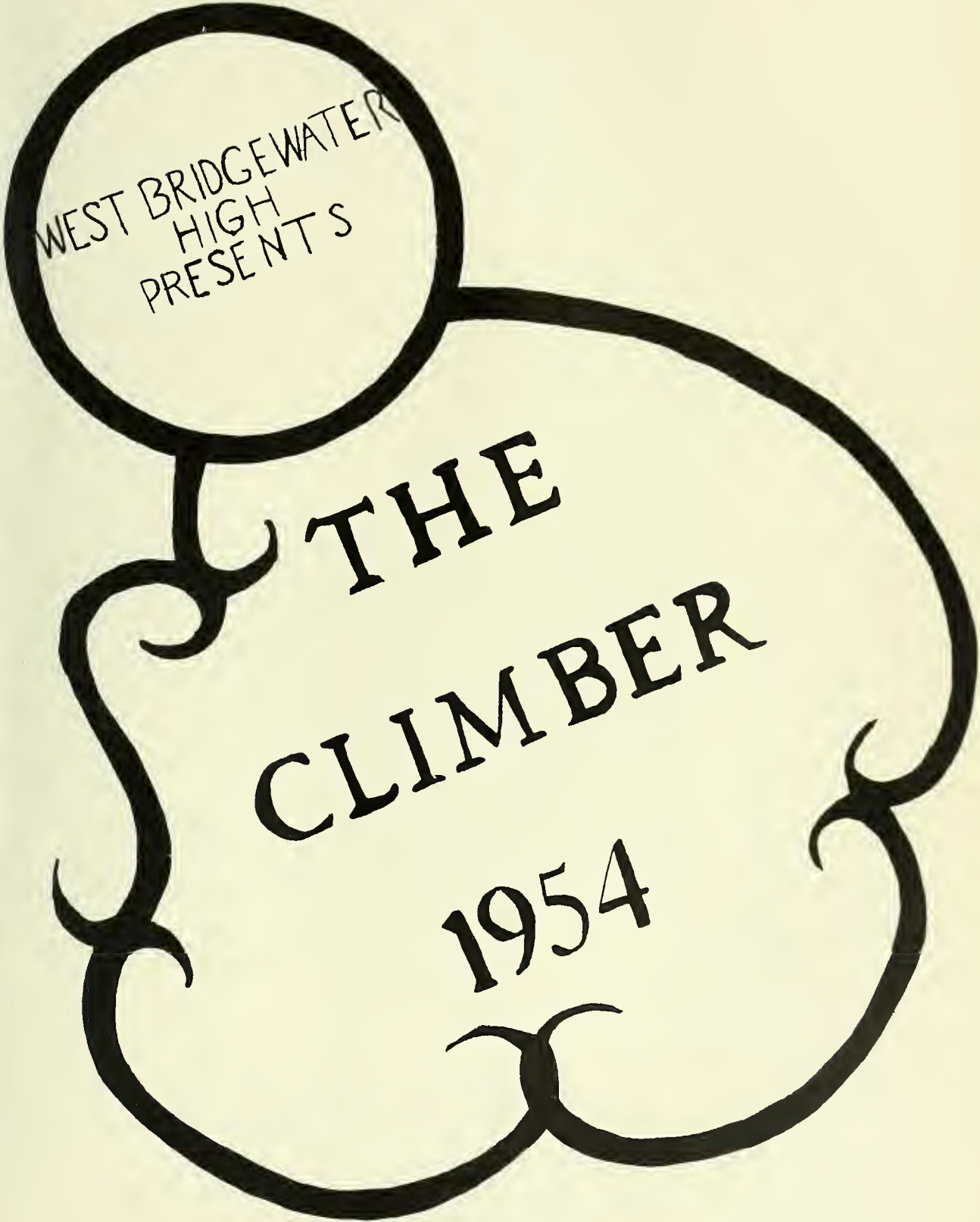


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# PREFACE

In this issue of *The Climber*, we, the Class of 1954, portray some of the outstanding events of our school life. A year-book represents many things: here in these pages stand revealed the realization of fond hopes, the pride of achievement through hard work, the fun and happiness of our more carefree hours, and, perhaps, even the nearer understanding of life gained from lessons and the associations with our fellows. For each division of the book makes clear that many people have had an indispensable part in making our four years what they have been to us. We trust that all of you, seeing yourself pictured here, will be reminded of our heartfelt appreciation. And, finally, our year-book is a summation of our high school years, the rich fabric out of which may come many useful lives.

## ENVOI

*These Pages Silent Record Keep  
Of Schoolhood Days . . . Of Friendship Deep;  
Of Fun and Laughter, Mixed with Tears,  
The Brimming Cup of Youth's Short Years.*

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# D E D I C A T I O N



To Miss Janice Rylander we proudly dedicate this issue of the West Bridgewater High School yearbook *The Climber*. For her continued interest in and support of all our activities from the Proms and plays to the sports contests, we wish to express our appreciation in this small way. Her unfailing encouragement throughout our four years of high school has meant much to us and will not soon be forgotten.



JUNE C. CARLSON  
*Editor-in-Chief*

## EDITORIAL

As we, the Class of 1954, complete this phase of our life, we can look back over twelve years of fun and laughter, of learning and work. We have looked forward many times to this particular date: the day when we should have passed on to the greater things which lie ahead. Those of us for whom this day will mark the end of formal education must now face a greater reality and realize that our successes now depend not upon learning academic subjects, but in assessing ourselves as to our abilities and weaknesses and in developing ourselves as best we can in the light of what we have already learned and in the, perhaps, more stern lessons of the world about us. We must do those things which will bring honor to ourselves and our community.

Those of us who are not yet through with formal education, those of us who are planning to further our education at a higher level, must also assess ourselves, but in a different way. We must take that which we already know and apply it to some field in which we can best serve humanity, a field in which success is not necessarily measured in terms of the dollar sign, but in the amount of peace of mind and contentment of soul which it will bring us. Then, we must intensify our study in those subjects which will best fit us for our chosen task.

We realize fully that our graduation will be in all truth but a commencement. In our high school years we have made a beginning, a good beginning as we see it, and are ready now for the larger and heavier tasks which await our energies.





## ADMINISTRATION

The administrative officers and the faculty of West Bridgewater High School—from Superintendent of Schools Burt L. Merrill to the members of the Student Council—are shown in the following pages. To them we owe much, for they have labored with us long and devotedly so that we might have the precious birthright of every American—the opportunity to make of ourselves whatever we wish. Through their efforts our intellectual and physical needs have been provided for; we have had wise guidance in many things; and we have come to some realization of democratic processes through the election and operation of our Student Council. In short, through all of them we have had the chance for a well-rounded education.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To the Class of 1954:

In all your undertakings, try to remember that your first duty is that of a good citizen. As such, you have direct obligations to your family, your country, and your God. These obligations may, at times, appear very difficult. However, the knowledge and skills which you acquired and the personality which you developed will be great factors in meeting these demands.

Do not become discouraged if you do not achieve your goals quickly. There is no "short cut" to success. Be content with your daily status as you go through life and with faith, patience, and perseverance you will find those objectives which you seek.

May I extend to you, the Class of 1954, my very best wishes for your future happiness and success.

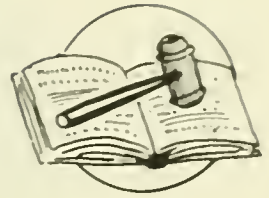
Sincerely,

*Peter J. Sperandio*

*Principal*



# STUDENT COUNCIL



Third row: Patricia Burke, Barbara Kemp, Marilyn Howe, Janet Lendh, Jane Foye, Elinor Canzano.

Second row: Fred Reed, Donald Gummow, James Mullins, William Boyd, Robert Young, Edward Noonan, Richard Barnes.

First row: Carol Hambly, Secretary; Kenneth Lendh, President; David Davidson, Vice President; Linda Johnson, Treasurer.



# THE



## SENIOR HIGH ENGLISH

Mrs. McKernan  
Mr. Moss

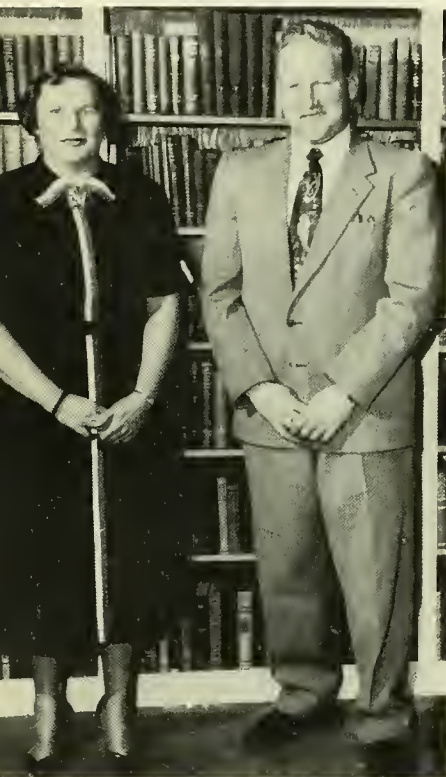
Absent:

Miss Rylander  
*English and Languages*



## JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH

Miss Pearson  
Mrs. Butram



## MATHEMATICS

Mrs. Kent  
Mr. Armstrong

## COMMERCIAL

Mrs. Shukis  
Mr. Wright



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Kiernan  
Mr. Tower



# FACULTY

SCIENCE  
Mr. Cobb  
Mr. Viens  
Mr. Cipriano



PRACTICAL ARTS  
Mrs. Viens  
Mr. Hawkes



MUSIC and ART  
Mrs. Hayward  
Mr. Rathbun



GUIDANCE  
Mr. Kissell



PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
Miss Nelson  
Mr. Pauli



# *They Keep the Wheels Turning*

## JANITORS

Mr. Earle, Mr. Hagglund,  
Mr. Turner, Mr. Ross.



Mrs. Ball  
*Superintendent's  
Secretary*

Mrs. Hewitt  
*Nurse*

Mrs. Chadwick  
*Principal's  
Secretary*



## COOKS

Mrs. Marzelli, Mrs. Keith,  
Mrs. Texeira, Mrs. Roulstone,  
Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Hurcomb,  
Mrs. Nelson.





First row: C. North, D. Gummow, J. Smith, M. Howe, K. Lendh, N. Warne, C. Hambly, J. Carlson.

Second row: J. Benoit, D. Burque, A. Ensher, C. Poole, C. Firing, E. Willis, M. Helgeson, P. Ames.

Third row: R. Swanson, D. Howard, B. Benson, S. Read, R. Moore, R. Haskins, A. MacLean, R. Cochran, L. Moreira.



## SENIORS

We present now the Class of 1954, the class which had as many conceptions of school as there were students, the class which could always be counted upon to do the unpredictable, the last of the classes to spend over three years in someone else's school. Although we are small in number, we have, as the following pages show, done many things which we shall not forget. Here, then, are the personalities which make up our class and some of the outstanding activities of our junior and senior years.



PHOEBE AMES

PRIVATE SECRETARY

*"A good face is a letter of recommendation."*

Chairman Freshman Dance . . . Publicity 1, 2, 3, 4 . . .  
Decorating 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Tickets 1, 2, 3 . . . Refreshments  
1, 2, 3 . . . Class Secretary 1 . . . Glee Club 1 . . .  
Booster Club 1, 2 . . . Football Rally 1, 2 . . . Magazine  
Captain 2 . . . Junior Class Plays . . . Senior Class Play.



JANICE ALICE BENOIT

BUSINESS MACHINE OPERATOR

*"She may seem quiet and look naive, but if you know  
Janice that's hard to believe."*

Softball Manager 2, 3, 4 . . . Class Officer 1 . . . Football  
Rally Committee 1, 2 . . . Decorating 1, 2, 3 . . . Ring  
Committee 3 . . . Typist for the *Echo* 3 . . . Ticket Committee  
3 . . . Refreshments 4 . . . Senior Class Play . . . Assistant  
Editor of *Climber* 4 . . . Financial Committee 4.



BERTIL ALFRID BENSON

CARPENTER

*"So much one man can do  
Who does both act and know."*

Basketball 1 . . . Decorating 3 . . . Boys' State Representative  
. . . MC in Memorial Day Assembly . . . Junior Class Plays  
. . . Sound Effects 3.



DORIS MARIE BURQUE

TELEPHONE OPERATOR

*"I know what I like and that's enough."*

Refreshment Committee 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Decorating 2, 3 . . .  
Junior Class Play . . . Senior Class Play.



JUNE CHRISTINE CARLSON

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"A head packed full of brains and a heart packed full of sunshine."*

Class Officer 1 . . . Pianist at Graduation 1, 2, 3, Minstrel  
Show 3, Operetta 3 . . . Music Appreciation 3 . . . Glee  
Club 1, 3 . . . Football Rally Committee 1, 2 . . . Decorations  
3 . . . Tri Town Essay Contest 3, 4 . . . Honor Society 3  
. . . Ticket Committee 3, 4 . . . Magazine Drive Room  
Captain 4 . . . Climber Staff 3 . . . Editor-in-Chief of  
Climber 4.



ROBERT COCHRAN

MACHINIST

*"Men of few words are the best of men."*

Football 1.





ADRIENNE MILLICENT ENSHER

NURSE

*"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."*

Decoration Committee 3 . . . Ticket Committee 3 . . .  
Business Staff of *Climber* 4.



CONSTANCE ROBERTA FIRING

AIRLINE HOSTESS

*"A fellow student—genteel and refined,  
Obliging and cheerful, industrious and kind."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3 . . . Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Decorating  
Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Publicity of Freshman-Sophomore  
Social . . . Student Council 1, 2 . . . General Chairman of  
Junior Dance . . . Ticket Committee Junior Class Play . . .  
Candy Committee 3 . . . Room Captain Paper Drive . . .  
Usher for Senior Class Play and Graduation . . . Secretary  
of Student Council 3 . . . Assistant Editor of Newspaper 3  
. . . Glee Club 3 . . . Senior Class Play 4.



DONALD RAY GUMMOW

TRUCK DRIVER

*"For a man seldom thinks with more earnestness of any-  
thing than he does his dinner."*

Football 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Baseball  
1 . . . Co-Captain in Football 4 . . . Student Council 1, 2,  
3, 4 . . . Dance Refreshment Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . .  
Prop Man for the Senior Class Play 3.



CAROL ANN HAMBLBY

NURSE

*"A sunny disposition is the very soul of success."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball Captain 4 . . . Decorating Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Sophomore Vice President . . . Refreshment Committee 3 . . . Junior Class Treasurer . . . Glee Club 3 . . . Senior Class Play . . . Student Council 4 . . . National Honor Society 3 . . . Editor-in-Chief of Paper . . . Student Council Treasurer 4 . . . *Climber* Staff 4.



RICHARD EDWARD HASKINS

ELECTRICIAN

*"All the world loves a lover."*

Football 2, 3, 4 . . . Baseball 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball 2, 3, 4 . . . Intramural Basketball 2 . . . Ticket Committee 3, 4 . . . Refreshment Committee 2, 3.



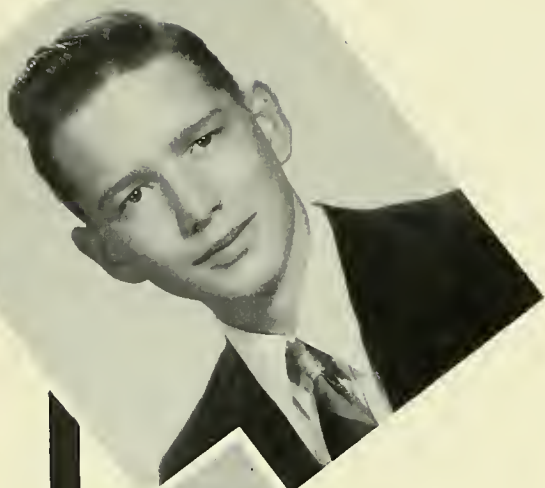
MARION JEAN HELGESON

OFFICE WORKER

*"Quiet—but always missed if not present."*

Ticket Committee 1 . . . Football Rally Committee 2 . . . Decorating Committee 3 . . . Typist for the *Echo* 3 . . . Publicity 4.





DAVID HOWARD

CIVIL ENGINEER

*"Silence is the understanding of fools and one of the virtues of the wise."*

Ticket Committee 2 . . . Junior Class Plays.



MARILYN HOWE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"Mischief, thou art afoot!"*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Decorating Committee 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Refreshment Committee 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Publicity and Tickets 2, 3 . . . Junior Class Plays 2 . . . Orchestra Committee 3 . . . Candy Committee 3 . . . Assistant Business Manager of *Climber* 3 . . . Girls' State 3 . . . Glee Club 2, 3 . . . Head of Magazine Drive 3, 4 . . . Newspaper Staff 3 . . . Student Council 2, 3, 4 . . . Class President 2, 3, 4 . . . *Climber* Staff 4 . . . Vice President Student Council 3 . . . National Honor Society 3 . . . Memorial Day Assembly Committee 3 . . . Sports Editor, *Howard Echo* 3.



KENNETH WARREN LENDH

SPORTS ANNOUNCER

*"The man that blushes is not quite a brute."*

Football 1, 2, 3 . . . Co-Captain 4 . . . Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Baseball 3, 4 . . . Dance Committee 1 . . . Decoration Committee 2 . . . Prom Committee 3 . . . Dance Committee 3 . . . Chairman of Ring Committee 3 . . . *Climber* Ads 4 . . . Senior Dance Committee 4 . . . Vice President 3, 4 . . . Student Council President 4.



MALCOLM ALLEN MACLEAN

CHEF

*"I agree with no man's opinions.  
I have some of my own."*

Football 1 . . . Stage Designer for Junior Class Plays . . .  
Poster Committee 3, 4.



ROBERT FRANK MOORE

TELEVISION TECHNICIAN

*"To know how to wait is the secret of success."*

Football 1 . . . Football Rally Committee 2 . . . Camera Club.



LEO A. MOREIRA

NAVY

*"He looks the whole world in the face and fears not a man."*

Football 1 . . . Baseball . . . Decoration Committee 1.





CYNTHIA ELIZABETH NORTH

AIRLINE STEWARDESS

*"Always ready to lend a helping hand."*

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Decoration Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Ticket Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Publicity Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Usher Junior Class Plays, Junior Prom, Senior Class Play, Graduation, Senior Reception, and Class Night 3 . . . Chorus 1, 3 . . . Chairman of Finance Committee . . . Senior Class Play 4.



CAROLE JEAN POOLE

NURSE

*"I've taken my fun where I've found it."*

Decoration Committee for Prom 3 . . . Ticket Committee for Junior Class Plays 3 . . . Ticket Committee for Senior Dance . . . Advertising Staff for Climber 4.



SAMUEL READ

MECHANIC

*"Be silent and safe—silence never betrays you."*

Basketball 1 . . . Junior Class Play Committee . . . Junior Prom Committee . . . Red Cross Room Captain 4.



JANE NANCY SMITH

SECRETARY

*"Tis jesting, laughing, and singing  
That spins the heavy world around."*

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball 4 . . . Intramural Basketball 3 . . . Cheerleading 2, 3, 4 . . . Head Cheerleader 4 . . . Decoration Committees 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Memorial Day Assembly Committee 3 . . . Orchestra Committee 3 . . . Financial Committee 4 . . . Social Committee 4 . . . Student Council 1, 2 . . . Class Treasurer 3 . . . *Climber* Staff 3 . . . Junior Usher for Plays, Graduation, Reception 3 . . . *Howard Echo* Staff 3 . . . Junior Class Plays 3 . . . Ad Solicitor 4 . . . Head Typist for *Climber* 4 . . . Class Secretary 4 . . . Football Rally Committee 1, 2 . . . Senior Class Play 4 . . . Candy Committee 3.



RONALD A. SWANSON

ENGINEER

*"No matter what we do, we should always be calm in doing it."*

Basketball 1 . . . Ticket Committee for Junior Class Plays . . . Intramural Basketball.



NANCY BARBARA WARME

PERSONAL SECRETARY

*"As good-natured a soul as ever there was."*

Softball 1, 2 . . . Cheerleading 2, 3, 4 . . . Intramural Basketball 3 . . . Dance Committees 1, 2, 3 . . . *Climber* Typist 3 . . . Head Chairman of all Committees 3, 4 . . . Assistant Business Manager of *Climber* 4 . . . Class Treasurer 2, 4 . . . Managing Editor of *Howard Echo* 3 . . . Memorial Day Assembly 3 . . . School Banking 4 . . . Junior and Senior Class Plays.





ELEANOR MARIE WILLIS

SECRETARY

*"One could mark her merry nature by the twinkle in her eye."*

Cheerleading 2, 3, 4 . . . Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Decorating Committees 2, 3, 4 . . . Refreshment Committees 1, 2, 3 . . . Orchestra Committee 3 . . . Social Chairman 4 . . . Junior Usher for Plays, Graduation, and Reception.



## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Nancy Warne, Treasurer; Jane Smith, Secretary; Kenneth Lendh, Vice President; Marilyn Howe, President.







BEST  
LOOKING



MOST  
POPULAR

SENIOR  
SUPERLATIVES



MOST  
ATHLETIC



MOST LIKELY  
TO SUCCEED



CONSTANCE FIRING  
*Prom Queen*

GRAND MARCH



## JUNIOR PROMENADE





MAY 22, 1953



CLASS PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT

CLASS OFFICERS





# JUNIOR CLASS



"THE CASE  
OF THE  
WEIRD SISTERS"

Seated: P. Ames, J. Staples.  
L. Johnson, D. Burque.



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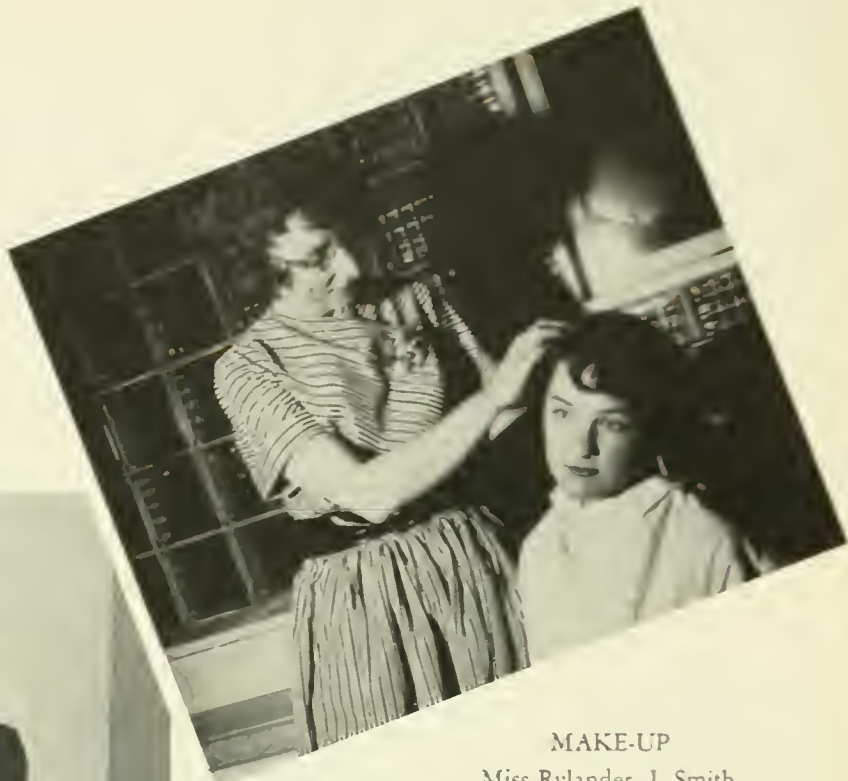
Top: Mr. Hawkes, Miss Rylander,  
R. Gorman, A. Klewer, S. Keith,  
L. Johnson, D. Burque, G.  
Gummow, N. Tibbetts, P. Ames,  
Miss Pearson, Mr. Rathbun.

Middle: M. McDonald, N.

## STAGE CREW

Clockwise starting at the lower  
left: Mr. Hawkes, R. Bailey, R.  
Davenport, W. Burke, F. Fran-  
cesco.

# PLAYS



MAKE-UP  
Miss Rylander, J. Smith.



## CASTS

Warne, J. Smith, J. Staples.  
Bottom: T. Roulstone, L. Semeter,  
P. Reed, A. Philippart, D. Davidson,  
B. Benson, R. Coelho, R. Young.

### "SUBMERGED"

Standing: D. Davidson, B. Benson,  
A. Philippart, R. Coelho, P.  
Reed.  
Kneeling: L. Semeter.





Holy cats! Who left that accursed suitcase there?



It's the little things that trap criminals.



## SENIOR CLASS PLAY "NINE GIRLS"

### CAST

Seated: Jane Smith, Cynthia North.  
Standing, left to right: Carol Ham-  
bly, Phoebe Ames, Janice Be-  
nok, Nancy Wazme, Ann Klew-  
er, Adrienne Ensher, Doris  
Burke, Constance Firing.

Jane! Come and help me!



Let me at her! I'm going to cut her heart out!







Out, damned spot! Out, I say.



You're so sweet to me, Mary.



Miss Olivia Pearson, Countess



Sing hark, everybody!

It's you or me, Eve.

Alice has killed herself



# SENIOR SNAPS



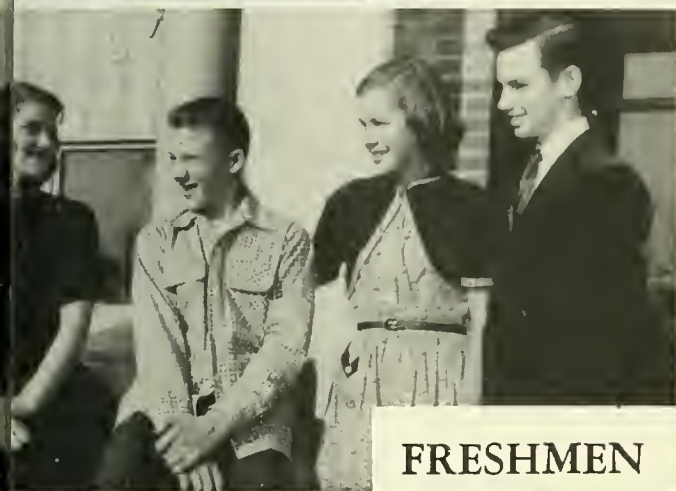




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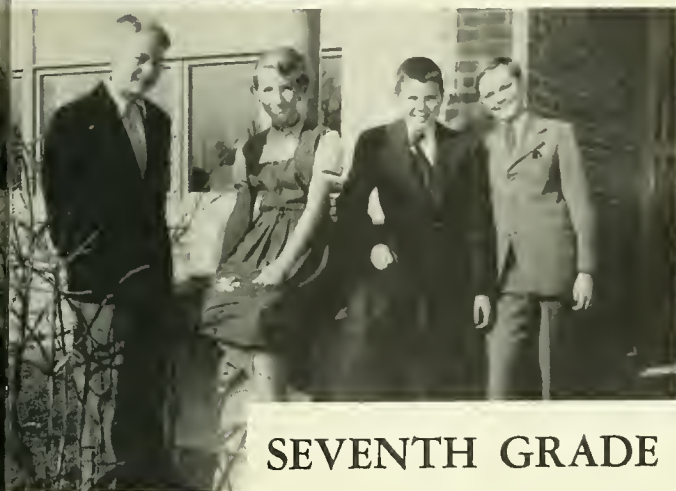
**SOPHOMORES**



**FRESHMEN**



**EIGHTH GRADE**



**SEVENTH GRADE**

Top: G. Gummow, R. Gurney, F. Francesco, R. Young.  
Middle: P. Burke, E. Sinkevich, J. Howe, R. Benson.  
Bottom: R. Barnes, F. Skelton, H. Davidson, P. Carlson.

Top: E. Noonan, R. Guarino, R. Gorman, P. Reed.  
Bottom: V. North, M. Sweeney, S. Perry, J. Foye.

## UNDERCLASSMEN

Not to be forgotten in our school life are the contributions to it of the members of the other classes, contributions which have meant more than we can now fully appreciate. It is they who make up the greater part of the athletic teams and the various organizations. Their strong school spirit has kept our teams fighting when the going was difficult. Their seemingly endless resources of enthusiasm have added spice and interest to our entire school life.





Top: C. Irvine, B. Babcock, D. Davidson, W. Boyd, F. Francesco, J. Beaulieu, R. Lothrop, S. Keith, D. Veronesi.

Middle: J. Adams, A. Ahlborg, D. Kline, R. Cyr, A. Roberts, C. Williams, J. Poirier, M. McDonald, R. Gurney.

Bottom: A. Foye, I. DeMolles, D. Stankus, G. Gummow, M. Keith, C. Manchester, J. Reid, J. Bassett.

#### HONOR ROLL\*

David Davidson  
Irene DeMolles  
Gloria Guarino  
Linda Johnson  
David Kline  
Herbert Kline  
Margery McDonald  
Lucia Millet  
Arvin Philippart  
Joan Reid  
John Reid  
Norman Tibbetts  
Robert Young

*\*As of January 6, 1954*

# JUNIORS



Top: R. Davenport, R. Young, A. Phillipart, P. Tuck, R. Lyons, J. Richardson, N. Tibbetts.

Middle: L. Johnson, A. Klewer, E. Burke, L. Millet, G. Noyes, D. MacLean, S. Nickerson, D. Child.

Bottom: J. Penprase, G. Veronesi, J. Reid, G. Guarino, N. Smith, H. Kline, P. Marble, T. Adams.





# SOPHOMORES



Top: A. Gallagher, C. Leonard, S. Young, D. Raleigh, L. Semeter, P. Davidson, M. Carlson, G. Kinney, P. Ohman.

Middle: E. Bailey, J. Poole, R. Packard, E. Noonan, J. Nelson, K. Ross, R. Guarino, J. Lendh, N. Lundin, E. Baker.

Bottom: P. Tsika, A. Vinton, C. Churchill, N. Greene, D. Moore, J. Bassett, R. Forest, J. Hager, J. Mather.







Top: J. Mullins, G. Jacobson, T. Howard, B. Hartshorn, W. Linehan, W. Allen, C. Melendy, D. Alden, G. Perry.

Middle: R. Poirier, R. Coelho, R. Gorman, P. Reed, J. Pierce, B. Riddell, J. Reynolds, M. Clark, J. Jordan, T. Roulstone, M. Gifford, M. Seyfert.

Bottom: C. Anderson, L. Bordeaux, J. Nickerson, E. Forrester, W. Ledin, M. Broman, D. Sullivan, L. Douglas, M. Phillips, M. Daley, B. Reynolds.

#### HONOR ROLL\*

Charlotte Anderson  
Porter Davidson  
Marilyn Gifford  
Nancy Greene  
Robert Guarino  
Janet Lendh  
Judith Nelson  
Edward Noonan  
Philip Ohman  
Judith Pierce  
Peter Reed  
Barbara Reynolds

*\*As of January 6, 1954*



Top: E. MacLean, F. Poole, R. Harris, B. Gummow, R. Child, F. Broman, R. Nordgren, J. Carlson, W. Burnap, M. Dillenschneider, J. Large.

Middle: R. Newell, P. Ohman, E. Fongellez, C. Soderholm, E. Eaton, C. Craddock, L. Alvin, D. Marr, M. Bordeaux, G. Pratt, R. Benson, A. Dorato.

Bottom: A. Ross, E. Poirier, P. Brown, A. Holyoke, J. Braga, P. Warne, D. Seabloom, P. Young, J. Ames, E. Bisemore, J. Andrews.

#### HONOR ROLL\*

Lee Alvin  
 Judith Andrews  
 Forest Broman  
 Kathryn Coffey  
 Joyce Eassey  
 Paula Grundberg  
 Ralph Harris  
 Katharine Howard  
 Joyce Kohl  
 David Marr  
 Priscilla Young

\*As of January 6, 1954

# FRESHMEN



Top: D. Borges, D. Giovannini, W. Soel, P. Grundberg, B. Grippen, B. Riddell, E. Caswell, J. Wolfsberg, E. Williams, R. Grummow, S. Holmgren, B. Bailey, B. McFadden, K. Howard.

Middle: N. Churchill, J. Cochran, L. Lima, R. Bergeron, D. Lyons, J. McGowan, K. Richard, E. Sinkevich, K. Coffey, R. Freitas, J. Kohl, H. Woodward, J. Ensher, G. Harron.

Bottom: J. Pagani, S. Mazza, B. Drake, P. Burke, J. Howe, D. Davenport, J. Perkins, H. Gurney, E. Morse, E. Canzano, F. Leach.





# EIGHTH GRADE



Top: J. Taylor, W. Rickert, S. Philippart, R. Linehan, R. Jackson, D. Burrill, J. Foye, G. Anglim, J. Howard, D. Williams.

Middle: T. McHardy, M. DiGiantimasso, P. Bumpus, A. Dehay, D. Chubbock, D. Edson, C. Demers, S. Perry, C. Raleigh, J. Howard.

Bottom: A. Braga, A. Dorato, R. Coelho, G. Perry, S. Churchill, J. Ames, R. Snell, E. Moses, H. Robbins.





Top: E. Gingras, J. Gour, D. Cabral, M. Sheehan, R. Johnson, R. McDonald, S. Ely, T. O'Toole, M. Sweeney.

Middle: L. Sampson, D. Greene, D. Seager, G. Willis, R. Ensher, R. Lewis, V. North, E. Benson, A. DeMolles.

Bottom: A. Chaves, R. Smart, A. Whynot, S. Bettencourt, F. Reed, H. Bradford, B. Nickerson, D. Poirier, R. Ashley, J. Frabrizio.

#### HONOR ROLL\*

Paula Bumpus  
 Stephen Churchill  
 Donna Edson  
 Shirley Ely  
 Janet Howard  
 Robert McDonald  
 Edward Moses  
 Gail Perry  
 Suzanne Philippart  
 David Poirier  
 Donald Seager  
 Donna Williams

*\*As of January 6, 1954*



Top: E. Howard, C. Howe, D. Erbeck, G. Ensher, D. Moore, R. Alger, C. White, R. Staples, R. Lawson, S. Silveria.

Middle: P. Kehoe, A. Clark, J. Boyd, H. Davidson, D. Poole, B. Finch, E. Asack, M. Hollien, E. Griffen, R. Veader, R. Fox, F. Labrache, J. Gingras, M. Smart.

Bottom: J. Fidler, D. Manchester, V. Alvin, B. Veronesi, M. Sheehan, G. Mason, B. Benson, A. Chaves, D. Smith, B. Hall, H. Anderson.

#### HONOR ROLL\*

Virginia Alvin  
 Carl Anderson  
 Betty Benson  
 Joan Boyd  
 Arthur Clark  
 Gail Ensher  
 David Erbeck  
 Joy Fidler  
 Elizabeth Hall  
 Barbara Kemp  
 Isabel North  
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 Cheryl Snell  
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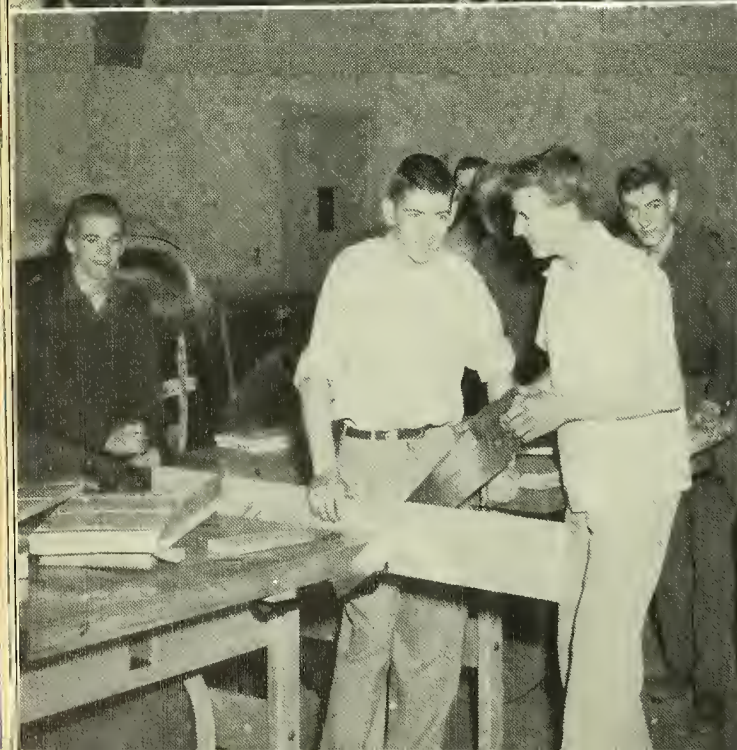
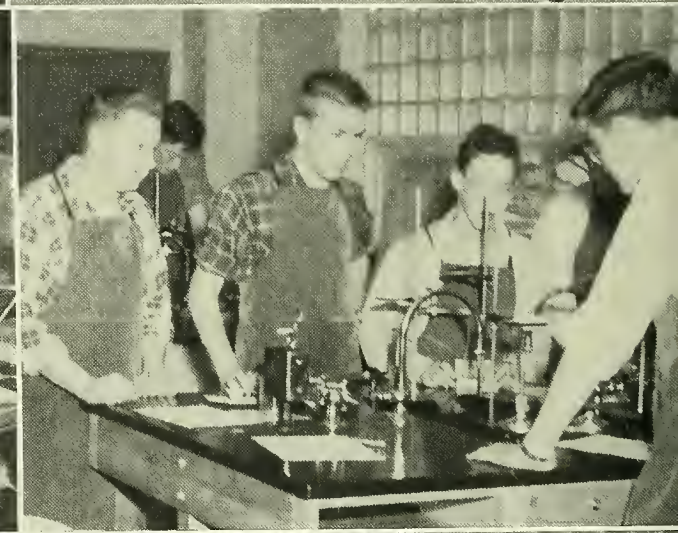
Top: P. Carlson, J. Ross, T. Perry, A. Forrester, B. Kemp, A. Poole, R. Martin, C. Anderson, D. Broman, R. Baker, E. DeMolles.

Middle: F. Dehay, S. Perry, R. Baker, D. Brazil, W. Turner, D. Grippen, I. North, S. Snell, R. Swann, V. Tibbetts, R. Lawson, R. Crowley, T. Perry.

Bottom: L. Leach, F. Shelton, G. Bassett, R. Canzano, R. Chisholm, R. Barnes, M. Smith, N. Warne, S. Nickerson, E. Howard, R. Anderson.











## ORGANIZATIONS

In the immensely busy world of a modern high school, the organizations and activities to be participated in are vastly important. These are the things which have balanced our intellectual diet; they have brought duties which have helped us to develop a stronger sense of responsibility and service to our school. Our organizations and their activities have meant much to us during our years here at West Bridgewater High School. There was always something to engage our interests and to demand our talents.





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### THE CAST

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<i>David Desmond</i>	.....	Justin Cobb
<i>Glenwood Garfield</i>	.....	Stuart Tower
<i>"Skeets" Skinner</i>	.....	George Monk
<i>Boswell Bancroft</i>	.....	Albert Kiernan
<i>Blanche Bancroft</i>	.....	Marguerite Shurtleff
<i>Bertha Bancroft</i>	.....	Catherine Dobrien
<i>Clorice Claybourne</i>	.....	Frances McKernan
<i>Sally Silverthorne</i>	.....	Judith Tower
<i>Bridget O'Casey</i>	.....	Peter Sperandio

*Directed by*  
OLIVIA PEARSON

### CAST



"My humble pardon."





## BAND



Third row: Kenneth Turner, Arthur Clark, Linda Nickerson, Robert McDonald, Leslie Leach.  
 Second row: Carolyn Demers, Herbert Woodward, Barbara Kemp, Paul Ohman, Kathryn Howard,  
 David Cabral, Hamilton Davidson.  
 First row: Sandra Nickerson, Porter Davidson, Forrest Broman, Edward Noonan, Stuart Keith,  
 David Davidson, Earl Caswell, Robert Linehan.  
 Kneeling: Janice Taylor, Virginia North, Barbara Gummow, Patricia Burke.





# ORCHESTRA

The band and orchestra, although both comparatively new, have come a long way since their beginnings. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Hayward they have added much to our school assemblies and football games. When these organizations first started, there were only five instruments available for use by the students; now the school possesses seventy-two. Most of these instruments are being used now, especially in the lower grades, promising that West Bridgewater will have outstanding bands and orchestras in the years to come.

Second row: Forrest Broman, Herbert Woodward, Arthur Clark, Paul Ohman, Carolyn Demers, Kathryn Howard, Robert Linehan, Stuart Keith, Edward Noonan, Leslie Leach.  
First row: Donald Seager, David Cabral, Hamilton Davidson, David Davidson, Porter Davidson, Shirley Perry, Linda Sampson, Mary Ann DiGiantamasso, Susan Holmgren.





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Below: D. Marr, R. Tosca, R. Benson, J. Howe, K. Coffey, R. Newell, D. Cabral, D. Seager.

"H. M. S. PINAFORE"



# THE OPERATORS' CLUB

The Operators' Club, supervised by Mrs. Albert Kiernan, has met regularly throughout the past year. Although everyone in the club has learned to use the audio-visual equipment, special attention has been given to the underclassmen, the operators of the future. The skilled members of this organization serve the school very well in activities involving the tape recorder, the amplifier, and the slide and movie projectors, and they are on call to help any organization which presents films or illustrated lectures.



Second row: R. Coelho, H. Bradford, D. Erbeck, R. Harris, P. Ohman, W. Ledin, A. DeHay, A. Dorato, Mr. Kiernan.

First row: N. Lundin, L. Semeter, J. Taylor, J. Beaulieu, S. Young, D. Child, W. Burnap.





# DRIVER EDUCATION

The Driver Education Class meets twice a week for sixteen weeks, studying from a textbook the essentials of the automobile and its operation. After this preliminary instruction, the students learn to drive the dual-control car. When their teacher, Mr. Hawkes, decides that they are qualified drivers, they are tested and given their driving licenses. In the two years in which the course has been offered, many students have taken advantage of it and become very competent drivers.



D. Child, R. Davenport, I. DeMolles, B. Babcock, A. Philippart, P. Tuck, Mr. Hawkes, C. Williams, G. Gummow, P. Marble, S. Nickerson, L. Johnson, J. Beaulieu, R. Lyons, J. Reid, J. Bassett, C. Irvine, H. Kline, D. Kline.



# THE MAROON AND WHITE



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Seated: Edward Benson, Paula Bumpus, Lorena Douglas, Janet Lendh, Peter Reed, K. Coffey.  
Standing: R. Swann, John Adams, Frederick Leach.

Seated: J. Andrews, K. Richard, R. Alger, D. Lyons, C. Soderholm, J. Cochran.  
Standing: P. Brown, G. Bassett, W. Turner, D. Brazil, E. Canzano.

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Left to right: Mrs. McKernan, J. Nelson, L. Johnson, G. Gummow, Mr. Wright.

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Left to right: W. Burnap, L. Semeter, R. Johnson, A. Dehay.

Seated: J. Perkins, G. Veronesi, S. Nickerson, L. Millet, A. Ahlborg, P. Young.  
Standing: J. Nickerson, R. Gurney, J. Pierce, G. Ensher, B. Benson, T. Adams.



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Standing: Carole Poole, Bertil Benson, Cynthia North. Absent: Eleanor Willis.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



In an interesting ceremony last spring, the West Bridgewater High School Chapter of the National Honor Society was reactivated for the first time since the fire which destroyed Howard High School. This organization has for its purpose the fostering of Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service. Active members are elected each year from among juniors and seniors who achieved a scholastic average of at least a B during their high school career. Probationary members are also selected from among the sophomores who have already satisfied the conditions for membership.

Standing: D. Kline, R. Young, A. Philippart, D. Davidson, N. Tibbetts, H. Kline.  
Sitting: J. Carlson, M. Howe, C. Hambly, A. Ensher.







VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—Left to right: J. Nickerson, E. Willis, E. Bailey, L. Johnson, J. Lendh, J. Nelson, N. Warme, J. Smith.



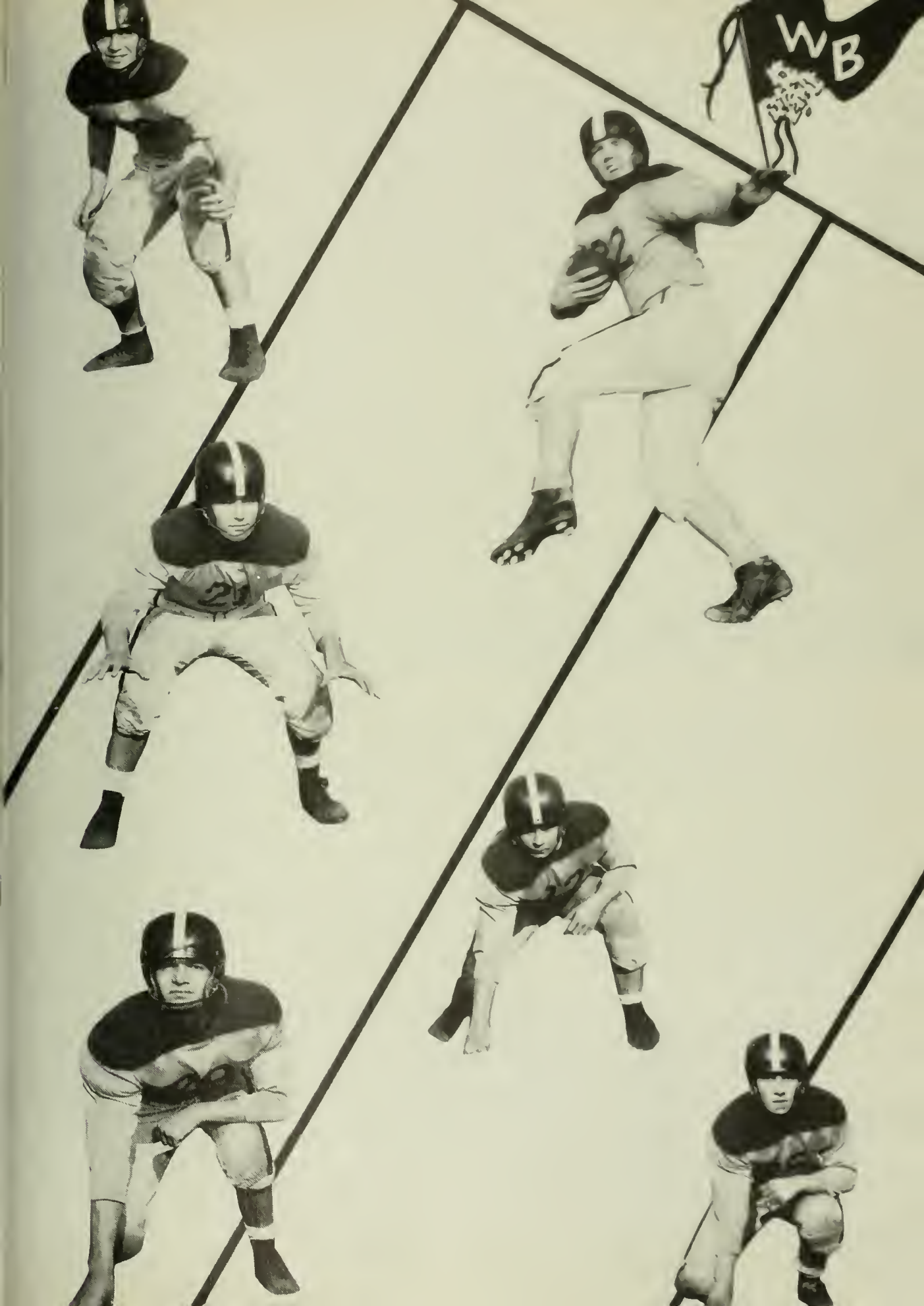
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Bottom: J. Mather, E. Canzano, P. Young.

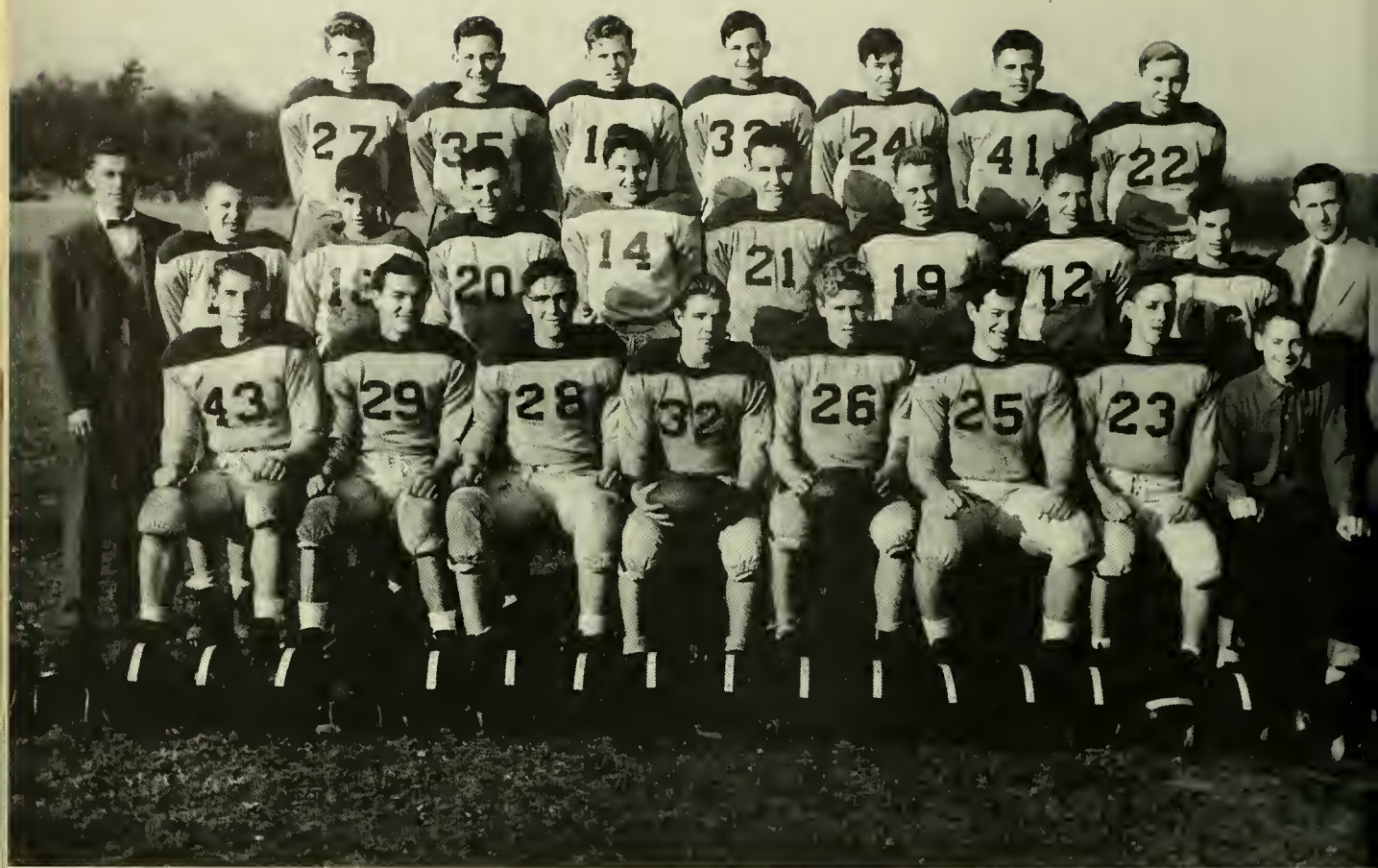
## ATHLETICS

The center of school life for some of our students was the activities which added excitement to our four years—our sports program. Our schedule has been full, encompassing gym classes throughout the year for all students desiring them and interscholastic teams for the senior high school students during each sports season. Much credit for unforgettably tense moments during many games goes to the faithful members of these teams, their managers, and their coaches.









Front row: R. Young, W. Boyd, R. Haskins, Co-Captain D. Gummow, Co-Captain K. Lendh, A Philippart, N. Tibbetts, and Manager R. Harris.

Middle row: Assistant Coach, Justin Cobb, E. Sinkevich, W. Soell, J. Mullins, F. Broman, W. Allen, G. Perry, R. Nordgren, R. Benson, and Coach Walter Pauli.

Rear row: K. Ross, T. Roulstone, R. Childs, E. Caswell, R. Gorman, P. Reed, and D. Childs.

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

1953

Westies.....	0	Marshfield .....	25
Westies.....	0	Hanover .....	7
Westies.....	0	Medfield .....	27
Westies.....	26	Cohasset .....	20
Westies.....	0	North Easton .....	19
Westies.....	7	Bridgewater .....	33
Westies.....	7	Scituate .....	64
Westies.....	0	Westwood .....	28
Westies.....	18	East Bridgewater .....	14





Front row: John Bettencourt, Richard Poirier, Marilyn Gifford, Marshall Broman, Joseph Poirier, John Adams.

Standing: Mr. Thomas C. Armstrong, Roland Ashley, William Ledin, George Kinney, Edward Noonan, Gregg Anglim.

## GOLF CLUB

A newly organized club has increased the number of activities at West Bridgewater High School. Under the supervision of Mr. Thomas C. Armstrong, the golf club has established a fine record for interest and activity. During the spring and fall months, the members get practical training on the golf course; while during the winter, they are shown movies and are given indoor instruction.





#### VARSITY

Coach Stuart Tower, C. Irvine, J. Mullins, R. Young, D. Davidson, A. Philippart, W. Allen, K. Lendh, F. Francesco, R. Haskins, W. Boyd, S. Keith, D. Gummow, Manager F. Perry.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

Standing: Coach Stuart Tower, E. Noonan, S. Young, W. Allen, J. Beaulieu, J. Reynolds, K. Ross, Assistant Coach, Mr. Cipriano.

Kneeling: D. Kline, J. Reed, R. Gorman, J. Mullins, D. Childs, H. Kline, Manager T. Roulstone.





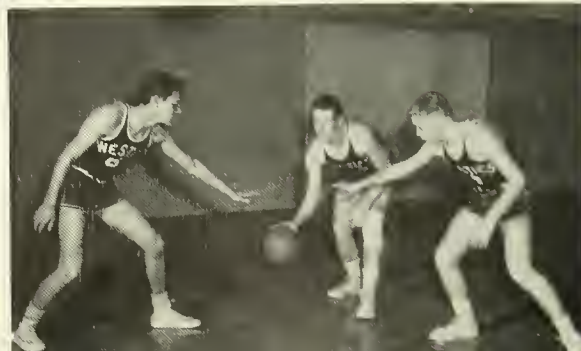
# THE VARSITY

## SCHEDULE\*

### WBHS

54	Cohasset .....	55
52	Kingston .....	54
65	Avon .....	32
41	Plainville .....	58
63	Bridgewater .....	65
43	Holbrook .....	74
63	Wrentham .....	39
54	E. Bridgewater .....	70
53	Norton .....	45
43	Wrentham .....	31
51	Avon .....	60
47	Holbrook .....	54

*\*Incomplete*





Kneeling: A. Holyoke, A. Ahlborg, C. Soderholm, M. Keith, G. Noyes, C. Riddell, J. Smith, B. Gummow, E. Grippen, K. Coffey.

Standing: R. Gurney, E. Willis, E. Bailey, J. Lendh, M. Howe, J. Pierce, Coach Nelson, G. Gummow, C. North, C. Hambly, L. Johnson, J. Bassett, J. Nickerson.

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## SCHEDULE\*

Westies.....	20	Alumnae .....	21
Westies.....	50	Avon .....	12
Westies.....	20	Bridgewater .....	24
Westies.....	17	Rockne .....	23
Westies.....	20	E. Bridgewater..	17
Westies.....	34	Avon .....	12
Westies.....	22	Bridgewater ....	23
Westies.....	24	Holbrook .....	36

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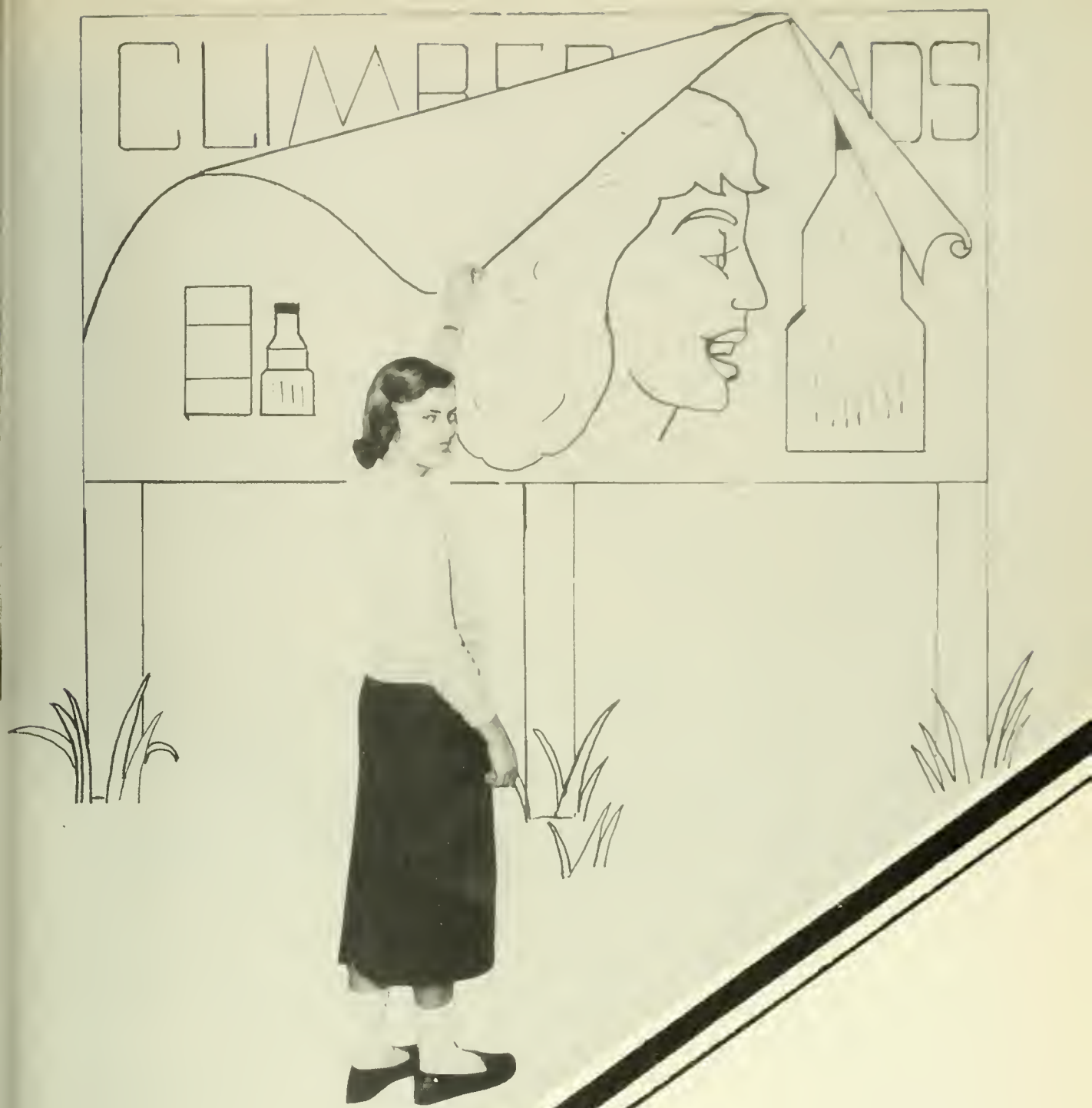
## SOFTBALL

### SCHEDULE

WBHS.....	28	E. Bridgewater .....	10
WBHS.....	10	Bridgewater .....	20
WBHS.....	8	Norton .....	7
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WBHS.....	20	Bridgewater .....	9
WBHS.....	10	Norton .....	24







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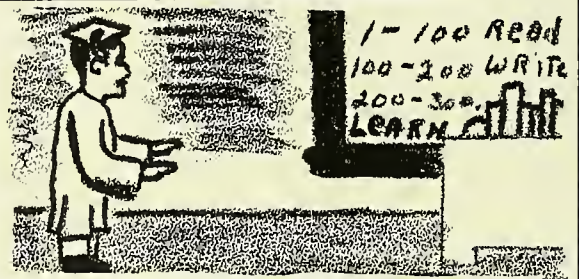
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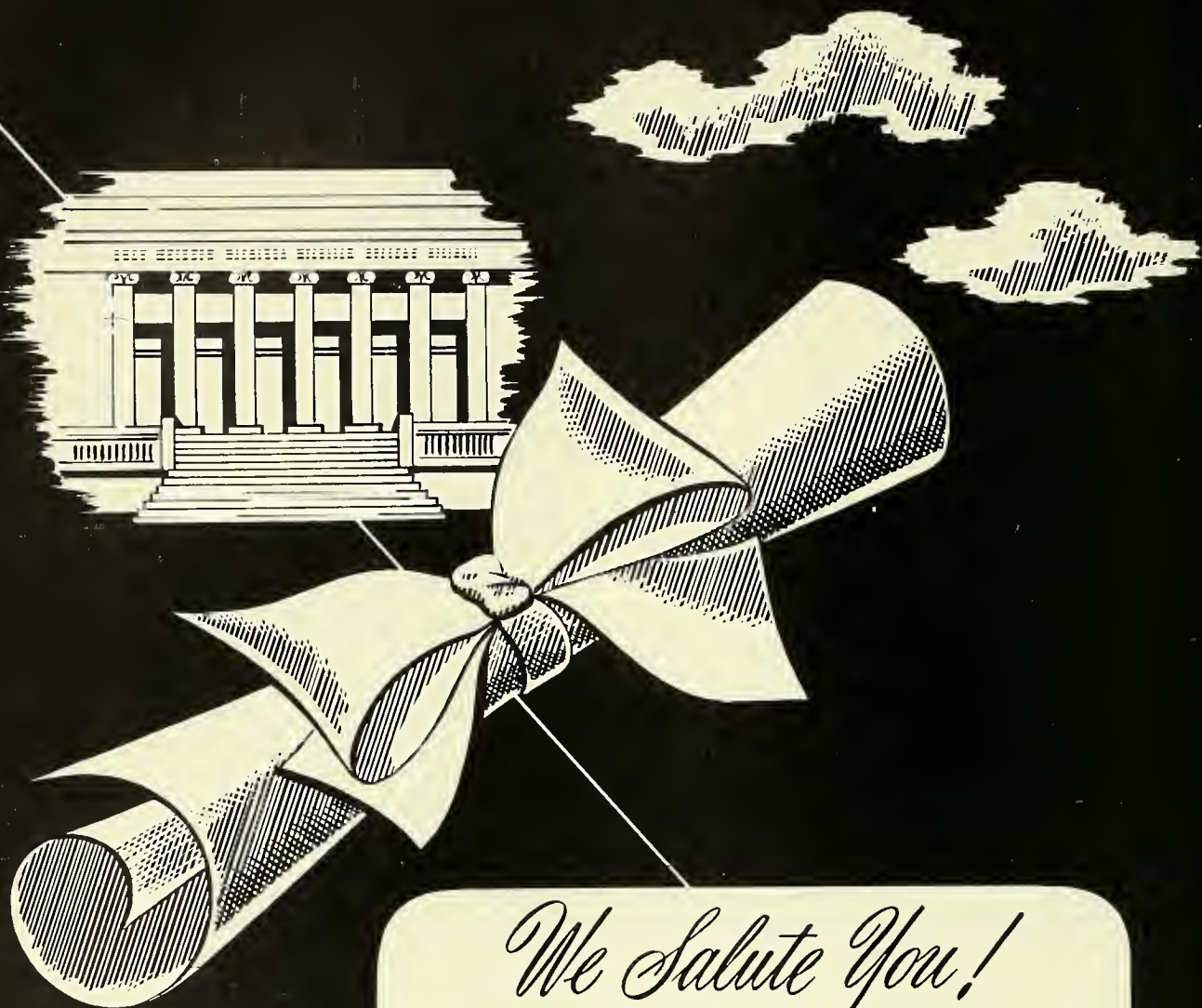
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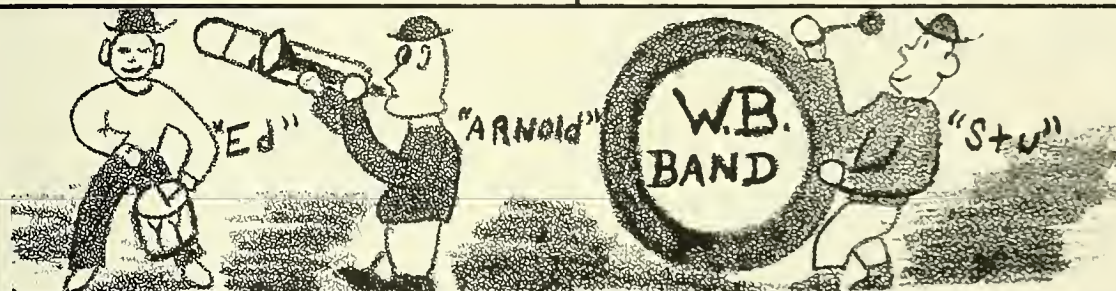


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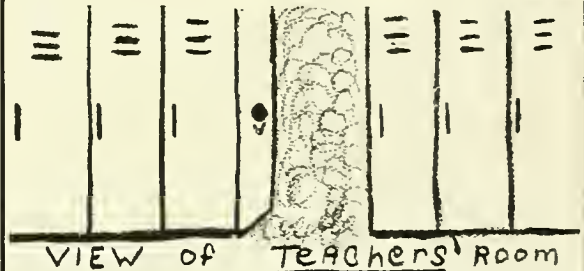
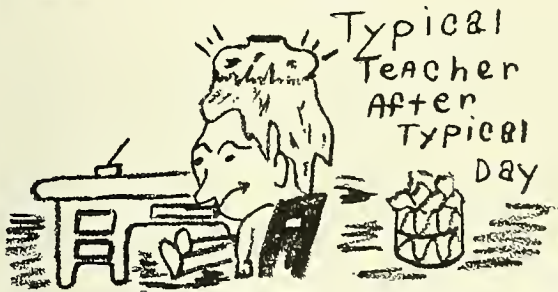


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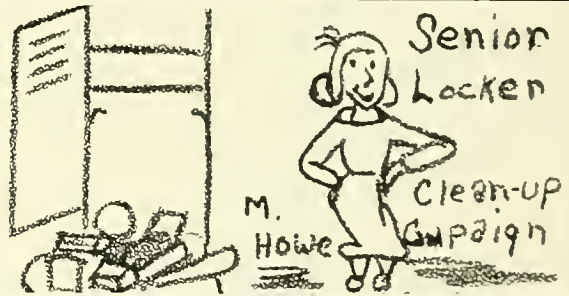
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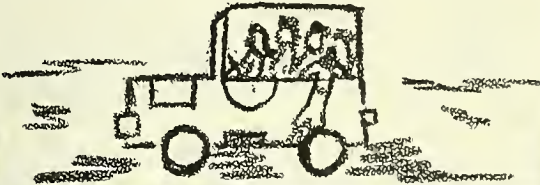
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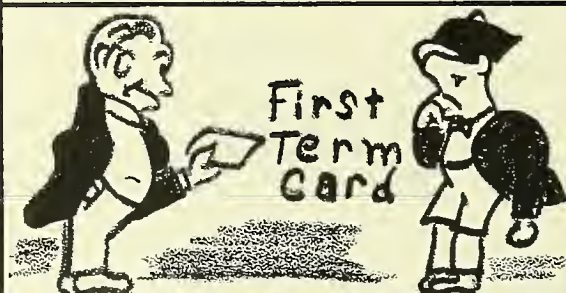
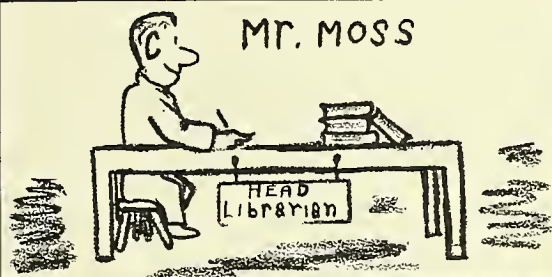
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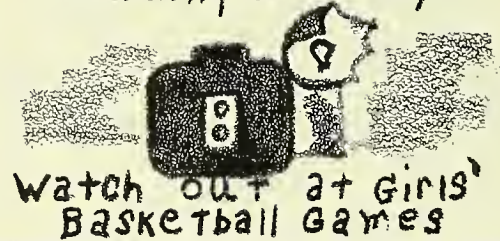
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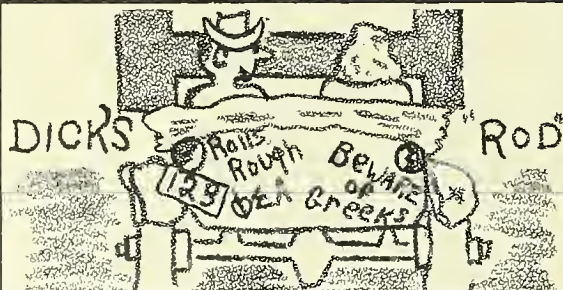


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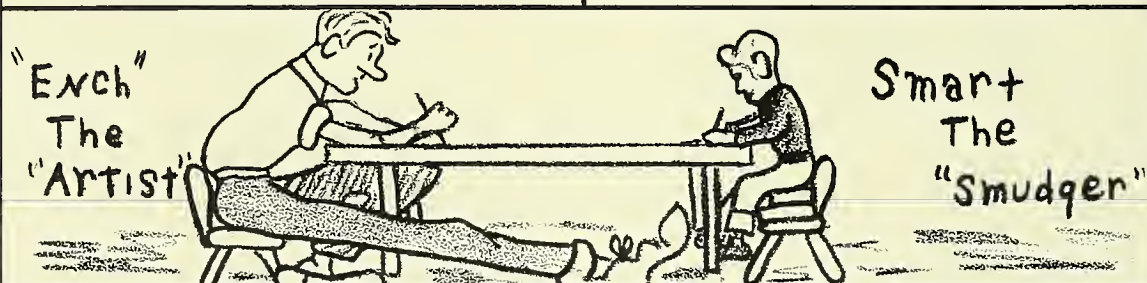
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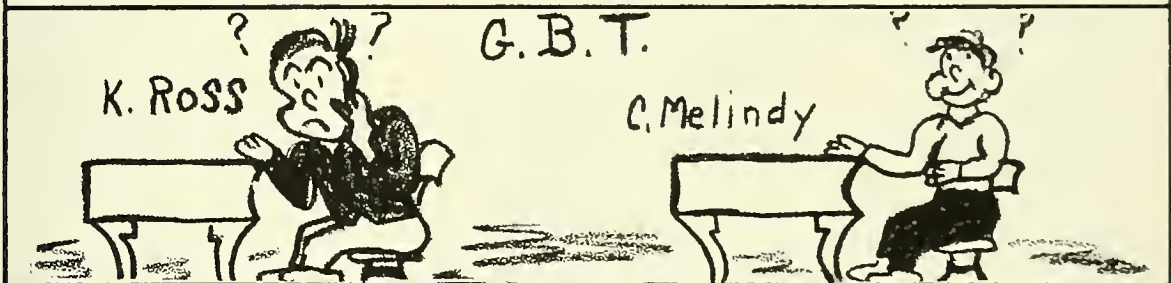
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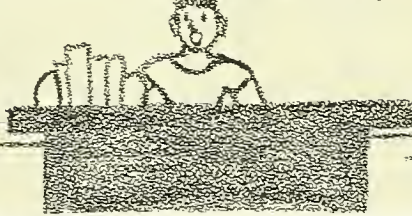
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